



DECEMBER RECAP/JANUARY LOOK AHEAD



MEMBERSHIP

DUES ARE DUE!

As of December 1st, we had 17 members renew for 2022. Get you dues paid at the next meeting by check/cash or on the website via PayPal.

<https://forestcitybrewers.us/index.php/fcb-store/>

TASTERS GUILD

STAY TUNED

This a great way to get to know other members, different eating and drinking establishments, and bring a friend/spouse/etc. to show them what a great group we have. It's always a good time!

BEER

TASTING RESULTS

Open Table:

Ben Barr- White IPA

Dave Benson- Mead w/ Cherry

Jerry Machula- Amber

Style Table is returning in January!



STICKERS

Stickers are available to members. See Scott at the next meeting to get your share

**Next Meeting: Wednesday,
Jan 5th, Prairie Street**

Events:

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From Scott Walker's 30th anniversary newsletter, this will appear regularly as a guide to new and seasoned members:

Brewer of the Year & The Style Table are back for 2022. Both items were suspended the past 2 years due to the current health hurdles, but all the officers agree that it's time to bring them back. Just to recap how the competitions work, every month, we'll have two different tasting tables, a Style Table, and an Open Table.

Style Table – Every month, a different, predetermined BJCP style will be represented on the table. All beers on the style table are to be brewed as close to style as possible, based on the BJCP Guidelines. Voters should be extremely critical when placing a vote for a beer on this table. Even if the beer is extremely tasty, if it's out of style, it shouldn't get a vote. The style will be discussed briefly before the tasting, and if applicable, a classic, commercial example of the beer style will be shared with everybody in attendance to get them more familiar with the style.

Open Table – Any style is acceptable. This, Is, Thunderdome! All entries are still required to specify a BJCP style number. We encourage all voters to not only vote for the best beer on the table, but to vote for the best beer as it fits the indicated style.

We understand nobody has all the BJCP guidelines memorized, so while you're tasting the beers, if you don't know the specifics of a style, ask the person next to you. And if they don't know, ask someone else. Eventually, someone at the meeting will have some more insight into that specific style. We encourage discussion of all the beers and styles during the tasting, as we're all there to learn and get better as brewers and tasters. Just be aware that the person you're talking to might have brewed the beer you're drinking. Constructive criticism is always welcome, but being an asshole helps nobody.

Beers for each table will be scored using the below scoring system.

1st place – 10 points

2nd place – 8 points

3rd place – 6 points

All other beers entered – 3 points.

Ties are scored slightly differently, and yes, we do give points just for participation. Planning, brewing, fermenting, packaging, donating, and transporting a beer isn't a simple or cheap task, so we feel anybody who brings a beer to the meeting should be rewarded.

Monthly scores are recorded and can be tracked throughout the year on the [contest points section of our website](#). At the end of the year, all points are totaled and a winner of each table, The Open Table and The Style Table, is declared. The winners are recognized at the January meeting the following month, and some sort of physical trophy/award is handed out.

Starting in 2019, Prairie Street Brewing extended the opportunity to our Club where the Brewer of the Year for the Style Table, would get to collaborate with them to brew a beer on their pilot system, and then have it be served on tap in their tap room. Ben Barr was the Brewer of Year for 2019 and the inaugural brewer of this award. He brewed a Black IPA with Prairie Street in early 2020 and it sold out pretty quickly. Obviously, a lot has happened in the last 2 years, and we can't guarantee anything for the upcoming year, but we have an excellent relationship with Prairie Street, and we'll reach out to them and see if that opportunity will be available for the Style Table, Brewer of the Year for 2022.

2022 Styles

JAN: Cider (Any BJCP Style)

FEB: 19A American Amber Ale

MAR: 15C Irish Extra Stout

APR: 27 Historical Beer: Roggenbier

MAY: 34A Clone: Sierra Nevada Pale Ale

JUN: 25A Belgian Blond

JUL: 12B Australian Sparkling Ale

AUG: Fruit Beer Challenge (Details TBD)

SEP: Kviek Yeast Strain Challenge (Details TBD)

OCT: 10B Dunkles Weissbier

NOV: 9C Baltic Porter

DEC: 34A Clone: Wild Onion

JAN: 17D English Barley Wine